GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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AGRO-CLIMATIC EXPORT ZONES
BRAHMANAND MANDAL;PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to make India`s agricultural exports more competitive in view of the WTO agreement coming into force from April, 2002 the Union Government propose to follow a focused policy to develop agro - climatic zones;

(b) if so, whether some agro - climatic export zones have been identified as suitable for cultivation of different commodities, fruits and vegetables;

(c) if so, the details of such zones, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government are also considering to divert some of the subsidies towards these zones for providing financial support for an all round development of these zones as export pockets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : The Schemes of Central Government agencies are being converged to set up Agri Export Zones (AEZs) under Exim Policy 2001 to promote Agro Exports from contiguous agriculture producing areas identified by states.

(b) to (e) : The Government has approved 15 AEZs so far to make agricultural exports more competitive.Financial assistance is being provided to these AEZs by Central State Government Agencies. The details of the AEZs, State-wise are as follows:

1. Pineapple (West Bengal)

2. Gherkins (Karnataka)

3. Lychee (Uttranchal)

4. Vegetables (Punjab)

5. Potatoes (Uttar Pradesh)
6. Mangoes in Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow)

7 Potatoes (Punjab)

8. Mangoes in Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur)

9. Grapes & Grape Wine (Maharashtra)
10. Mango Pulp & Fresh Vegetables (Andhra Pradesh)
11. Pineapple (Tripura)
12. Potatoes, Onion & Garlic (Madhya Pradesh)
13. Mangoes (Maharashstra)
14. Apples (Jammu & Kashmir)
15. Flowers (Tamil Nadu)